

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ezra Fulkerson upon being named The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport 2012 Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Ezra Fulkerson, who was recently named the 2012 Youth of the Year by The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport, a fitting recognition of his community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fulkerson, a member of the Hawkins County Unit, competed in Kingsport in February 2012 against Youth of the Year from The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport's Eastman Center, Riverview, and Cloud units to win this esteemed title; and

WHEREAS, the competition required Ezra to prepare two speeches, each three to four minutes long, and sit for an interview given by a panel of distinguished judges from the Kingsport area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fulkerson will travel to Nashville from March 26 to 28 to represent The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport at the state-level competition, where he will compete against other Youth of the Year from each of The Boys & Girls Club organizations in Tennessee to win a \$1,000 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Cherokee High School, Ezra Fulkerson has been an active member of The Boys & Girls Club, Hawkins County Unit, since it opened nearly six years ago; and

WHEREAS, the staff fondly refer to Mr. Fulkerson as their "go-to" member because of his maturity and willingness to help out through after-school tutoring, serving as a mentor to

younger members, performing general club maintenance, and proving to be a worthy opponent for video game football challenges; and

WHEREAS, Ezra encourages local teens to take advantage of what the club in Hawkins County has to offer; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Fulkerson serves as Treasurer of the Cornerstone youth ministry program and plays drums and sings in the Voices of Praise Choir at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Morristown; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Mr. Fulkerson, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ezra Fulkerson for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee and his unwavering commitment to others, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ezra Fulkerson for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the people of Hawkins County, congratulate him upon being named The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport 2012 Youth of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.